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EBARC Meetings



July 12, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
(program to be announced)



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets this month at the
El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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Treasurer's Report
April 2013 (corrected)
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

APRIL GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance \$4,065.41
Income:
 Refreshment Kitty: 8.80
 Total General Income: \$8.80

Disbursements

PG&E (Apr.) \$20.93
 Bank Check Printing 24.00
 Meeting Food 16.88
 Donation: Friends of El Sobrante
 Library 300.00
 Total General Disbursements \$361.01
 Ending Balance \$3,712.40

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

APRIL STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: \$3,520.80
Income: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$0.00
 Ending Balance \$3,520.80

Treasurer's Report
May 2013
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

MAY GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance \$3,712.40
Income:
 New Memberships \$30.00
 Refreshment Kitty: 7.00
 Total General Income: \$37.00

Disbursements

Blown Fuse (Apr.) \$35.19
 Blown Fuse (May) 30.93
 Total General Disbursements \$66.12
 Ending Balance \$3,683.28

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

MAY STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: \$3,520.80
Income: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$0.00
 Ending Balance \$3,520.80

Silent Key, Ralph Hall, W6EFD

Ralph passed away June 19th. He was an early member of the former Richmond Radio Club (which preceded EBARC). He remembered setting up the original club station from surplus military buildings. He was later our EBARC club station manager, and was very active in the remodeling several years ago. Alterations included extra space for hams and the separate, emergency power outlet system (among other things). [Ye Olde Editor, Sharon Primbsch, remembers getting emails with screens full of "88" for doing small favors for Ralph. She also considers him one of the world's great huggers.]

Services will be Saturday, July 6th @ 11 a.m.
 Smith & Witter
 5145 Sobrante Ave
 El Sobrante, CA

4Cs/EBARC Picnic Date Set

This year's joint 4Cs/EBARC luncheon picnic is the second Sunday of August (the 11th) at Miller Knox Park in Richmond. It is a family deal, so bring the family! For more information, contact Fred Nieman, W6BBQ; cell 510-367-6641 or home 510-223-1748

4Cs Needs Help Victoria Thompson, K6USW

[The Contra Costa Communications Club (aka the 4Cs) has many members in common with EBARC. The 4Cs owns and operates local repeaters. The club is instrumental in helping with disaster preparedness, public service events, and with Field Day. Please help if you can. – Ye Olde Editor]

The 4Cs technical committee has been working diligently to get the repeater and repeater site up to date and fully functional. In the 35 years the club has been in operation, there have been many repairs to the equipment and building. This time the building must be replaced. The cost estimate for this is \$3,000. The estimate to complete the replacement of power and electrical supplies to finish the work on the equipment is \$2,674.

The club doesn't have the funds to cover both and keep up current operating costs. The major difference is the young club at 100 members took in \$2,500 a year in memberships (\$25 regular membership), and expenses were a lot lower. 35 years later a whole lot of the membership is retired and expenses have increased. 100 members at \$15 is \$1,500 (retired and family rate \$15). That amount usually lets us break even each year with no extra.

The board is planning a bake sale and miscellaneous items sale, to be held at the club picnic this year. Later, there will be more information on where and when to bring items you want to donate for the sale.

Please let us know if you can bring baked goodies to sell, and if you have items you would like to donate to be sold.

The club needs your ideas for additional fundraising. Also needed are recommendations for fundraising events and locations. Most importantly, we need willing volunteers to help at events.

Does anyone remember a fundraising that featured dollar amount commitments made by members to pay an amount towards a specific item? I found a note with a list of names of people who pledged money for a specific item. The individual paid the money, sometimes spreading it out over a few months for when the item was ordered. I wasn't able to find anything on how this worked. It was like a promise to pay, pledge, or promissory note.

Please share your ideas and willingness to volunteer by contacting Victoria Thompson at k6usw55@sbcglobal.net.

General Meeting Minutes June 14, 2013 Michael McMillan, K6MCM, Sec'ty

Opening: The meeting at the El Sobrante Library was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated, members and guests signed in. A round of self-introductions was made, including the question, "Are you taking a radio vacation or a vacation from radio?" Some of the responses included: "My radio vacation is almost over; Took an HT to Union Valley reservoir but made no contacts; Being retired I don't take vacations; I'm constantly messing with my radio; and Being retired I'm on a vacation, and I need a vacation." Approval of the minutes of the May 10, 2013 meeting were tabled until next meeting.

Program: First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program will be hands-on

demonstrations of surface mount construction and soldering by the First Vice-President himself. Next month's program is not lined up yet. Suggestions are welcomed.

Hospitality: Second Vice-President Sparks set up our refreshments, with a reminder to feed the kitty.

Membership: Third Vice-President Primbsch reported membership going well. Joan and Tony were present from the recent class. Several club members recently upgraded to General class. *Blown Fuse* deadline is June 24th, and articles are welcome.

Finance: Treasurer Jenkins was absent. Fowler reported club financial information as: General fund balance of \$3,712.40; Station fund balance of \$3,520.80.

Secretary: Secretary McMillan reported no significant correspondence received.

Station Manager: Gleason was absent.

Public Events/Education: Jenkins was absent, nothing was reported.

Web Page: Webmaster Hoffman reminded members that they generate the content, so all should please feel to suggest material for our website.

President: Fowler reported the joint 4Cs/EBARC picnic is coming on Sunday, August 11. A free antenna and tower was available through Craigslist to anyone who could take it down. ORCA issued an invitation to EBARC to set up a station at their Field Day site - let them know if you are coming. Nominations for club officers will be due in October. There are several offices that will need to be filled with new people, including President, First Vice-President, and Secretary.

New Members and Guests: We recently had three new members join, details will be sent in an email to EBARC members

Announcements: There was a discussion about integrating ham operators in the CERT program in El Cerrito; KARO/ECHO was mentioned as a good contact. The California Historical Radio Society will be having "Radio Day by the Bay" on July 20th. KPH will have an open house on July 12. NASA announced solar flare activity. The USS Hornet will be having Field Day up on the flight deck, visitors and operators are welcome.

Next Meeting: the next meeting will be on July 12, 2013.

Closing: There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Presentation: After a break for refreshments, First Vice-President Jack Burris, K6JEB, and helpers gave a presentation with helpful hints and tips on surface-mount construction and soldering, including the use of blow driers and electric frying pans.

Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for preafrooding this month's *Blown Fuse*.

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.eastbayarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Public Service."
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The remaining test dates for 2013 are July 28th and October 27th. The fee for 2013 is \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details from mcmillan50y@yahoo.com or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$30 for individual membership, \$35 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.eastbayarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond.

2013 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session (traffic)	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"QRM Net"	Tues	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
9 a.m. Talk Net	Mo-Fr	0900 (PL 100.0-)	145.230
Youth Net	Sat	1400 (PL 100.0-)	145.230

RACES, West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, mcmillan50y@yahoo.com, phone 510 223-3052.
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.